

PUBLIC TO GET FULL FACTS OF EVASIONS

Provost Marshal General Orders Expose of Fake Exemption Claimants.

NAMES MAY BE PRINTED

Citizens Are Urged to Patriotic Duty in Reporting Cases of Imposition.

Special Despatch to THE SUN. WASHINGTON, Aug. 4.—All claims for exemptions made to local boards, under a ruling of Provost Marshal General Crowder to-day, are to be held up for public inspection. The local boards are to be instructed at once to give to the newspapers from day to day not only the names of such persons but also the ground on which each has claimed exemption. If any person knows why such claims should not be allowed it will be regarded as his patriotic duty to inform the board of the facts.

In case of discharge for physical disabilities this does not apply, as these are not cases where exemption is claimed but are the result of rejection by a board. The specific reason for rejection will not be published. Gen. Crowder's telegram follows:

"The names of all registered men are on a list arranged in the order in which they will be called for military service. Wherever any registered person imposes upon a local board and improperly secures a certificate of exemption or discharge he advances the time of call of all other uncalled persons on the list."

Invites Exposure of Dodgers.

"For this reason every registered person, and to some extent every person in the community, is more or less directly interested in seeing that the facts are brought to the attention of the government. For every local board a person has been designated who will receive information of such cases and take appeals to the district board or inform the local board."

"For this reason the public is entitled to know the grounds upon which claims for exemption or discharge are being asked by registered men. The local boards therefore should be instructed immediately to make available to the press from day to day the names of persons claiming exemption or discharge, the ground on which such claims are based, and in general the number of cases that are being disposed of by the boards from day to day. This instruction does not apply, of course, to discharges on the ground of physical disability."

Check on Exemption Pleas.

Officials believe the effect of this order will be to curb applications for exemption to a large extent. Men who do not have legitimate excuses are not expected to court the scorn of neighbors who would recognize the weakness of their pleas when published.

Men whose cases are clear, however, and who are entitled to exemption, officials believe, will be glad to have their neighbors know their circumstances and that it is not lack of patriotism or fear which prompts them to seek relief from military service.

Exemption in such cases, officials declare, will be generally approved and the parents and relatives of boys who will be taken are entitled to know why the boys of their neighbors were not taken. Far from regarding the progress of the selection process as slow, Gen. Crowder believes rapid strides are being made.

Big Army Ready for Colors.

If reports were available to-night, he said, from each of the 4,000 local boards it would be shown that many thousands of men have already been passed physically, and no application for exemption or to join the colors is an accurate estimate of the number in this class is not obtainable.

Gen. Crowder said to-day that he was apprehensive of any delay in New York city and that by September 1 they would undoubtedly be as many men accepted and enrolled in the army as the government could take care of. It will then simply matter somewhat, it was explained, if all of New York city's quota is not available at once on account of the transportation problems.

BARK BURNS AT SEA.

Crew, 900 Miles From Land, Is Ten Days in Boats.

HONOLULU, Aug. 4.—After ten days in open boats the captain and sixteen men of the bark P. P. Riber landed yesterday on the island of Kauai, reporting their vessel had been destroyed by fire seventeen days out of Honolulu for San Francisco. The ship was 900 miles from any port when the crew, after a fruitless attempt to save her, were forced to take to the boats.

The bark was valued at \$400,000 and her cargo at \$260,000. She was owned by the Matson Navigation Company of San Francisco.

ARRIVALS AT THE HOTELS.

Waldorf-Astoria—H. P. McCue, Pittsburg; H. H. W. Page, Geneva, N. Y.; E. H. Cleary, Montreal; T. L. Walsh, Boston; T. L. Burton, Pittsburg; Belmont—G. H. Powell, Los Angeles; Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Williams, Boston; McGraw, Denver, Col.; John F. King, Milwaukee, Mich.; Mrs. E. H. Read, Rio de Janeiro; Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Hamilton, Chicago; Vanderbilt—E. G. Cole, Montreal; W. J. Sloan, Philadelphia; T. R. Lowry, Jr., and wife, Hartford; Manhattan—E. Lytton and wife, Rochester; C. Morris, Toronto; A. M. Gale, Terre Haute; S. C. Van Antwerp, Cleveland; K. T. Wagner, Chicago; Claridge—L. M. Cleveland and wife, Philadelphia; R. D. Blake and wife, Boston; J. A. Neely, Elmhurst; J. J. Brennan, Rochester; McAlpin—F. S. Kerr, Harrisburg; N. C. Hoff, Helena, Mont.; C. A. Sweet, Atlantic City; C. Hill, Chicago; Charles H. Lenn, Cincinnati; Plaza—Mr. and Mrs. George A. Garrett, Washington; Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Reed, Montreal; H. M. Hanna, Cleveland; Deakins—Astell, Richmond; Neiderland—H. Wood and wife, Boston; H. Balfour, Winnipeg; Ross Temple, South Bend; Ritz-Carlton—Mr. and Mrs. Wendell McCormack, Chicago; C. W. Warran and wife, Washington; Murray Hill—A. N. Murray and wife, New York; H. B. Briggs, Cleveland; H. B. Butler, New York; M. M. Mason, Bridgeport; Park Avenue—W. M. Burton, Madison, Wis.; E. E. Hodges, Albany; H. B. Denton and wife, Boston; L. M. Barber and wife, Jackson, Mich.; W. A. Lockwood, South Bend; Stratford—Mrs. John R. Taylor, Carleton Place, Ont.; Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Whitner, Philadelphia; Voltaire—B. F. Felling, Cleveland; J. G. Winkler, Cincinnati; J. Robert G. Brown, Los Angeles; E. H. Moore and G. H. Nicholson, Chicago; Marie Antoinette—Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Oates, Philadelphia; R. B. Wilson and wife, Chicago; Imperial—W. C. Cappe, Toronto; C. H. Spencer, Washington; Grand—J. J. McCormick, Baltimore; J. J. Paine and wife, Norfolk; Navy—Mr. and Mrs. Howard Manning, Chicago; Mr. and Mrs. George Flinders, New York; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hall, Des Moines, Iowa.

U. S. TO SPEED UP WORK ON 700 SHIPS

Every Steel Craft Over 2,500 Tons in 25 Largest Yards Seized.

WILL OFFSET U-BOATS

Administration Believes New Vessels Will Feed Troops and Allies.

Special Despatch to THE SUN. WASHINGTON, Aug. 4.—The United States by a single stroke to-day came into possession of 1,500,000 tons of shipping in process of construction in its yards, which when completed will almost double America's steam tonnage in foreign trade. Under an order issued by Admiral W. L. Capps every steel ship above 2,500 dead weight tons in the twenty-five largest yards of the nation along with the contract for its construction was commandeered by the American Government. It is estimated 700 ships are seized.

Agents of the Fleet Corporation are on their way to the yards and in a few instances it will be possible to put on double and triple shifts by next Monday to speed up the work, finish the ships and clear the ways for the vast fleet that is to be constructed under the direction of the Shipping Board and the Fleet Corporation.

The following telegram, which later was followed by a detailed letter of instruction, was sent out to the yards by Admiral Capps the moment the decision to commandeer was reached:

"By virtue of an act approved June 5, 1917, and authority delegated to the Emergency Fleet Corporation by Executive order of July 11, 1917, you are hereby required to complete the construction of said regulated ships under construction and will prosecute such work with all practicable despatch."

Quick Action Expected.

The commandeering is the most immediately effective move by the shipbuilding organization since its formation last spring. Some of the ships taken over are more than 60 per cent completed and soon will be available for use as transports for American troops and for maintenance of the long line of communication with our forces in France.

The letter sent to the various yards furnished these additional instructions to the owners:

"The compensation to be paid will be determined hereafter and will include ships, materials and contracts requisitioned. You will furnish immediately general plans and detailed specifications of the ships requisitioned and copies of contracts and all supplemental agreements in relation thereto and full particulars as to crew, date of completion, payments made to date, amounts still due and any other information necessary to a fair and just determination of the obligations of the Emergency Fleet Corporation in taking over these ships and contracts."

"You will report immediately whether any additional work and their character and extent and will not enter into any additional contracts or commitments with respect to merchant tonnage without express authority from this corporation."

Several Nations Affected.

The greater part of the commandeered tonnage is under construction by the British. Another builder of ships in American yards is Norway. Great Britain has semi-officially announced her willingness to relinquish the ships if the country needs them. Announcement of the decision of this Government as to the disposition of the ships after their completion will await diplomatic negotiations with the countries affected, but there is a strong belief that practically every vessel now being taken over that is suitable for this Government's purposes will remain in its control until the end of the war.

So that there may be no delay the firms now building the ships will continue the work as before except that

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boards or attempt to enforce their attendance in any way until they have passed into the military status. It will use every energy to stamp out disorders designed to prevent the execution of the Federal laws. For this purpose the President has legal power to employ the army in any State without reference to the State authorities. In practice, however, such a step would not be taken until the Governors asked for military force to restore order. They would be furnished promptly by department commanders, without red tape or delay.

GERMAN FLEET CALLED WEAK.

Touton Naval Expert Warns Against Optimism Over U-Boats.

COPENHAGEN, Aug. 4.—Capt. Persius, naval expert of the Berlingske Tidende, a Danish newspaper, in a review of the third naval year of the war. He says the superiority of the British fleet, despite heavy losses, is great enough to justify its claim that it controls the seas. The German fleet is unequal to meet it.

The high seas fleet in comparison with the coast defense guns, submarines, mines, etc., will undoubtedly be able to beat off all attacks and keep the enemy from the coast, but he adds warningly, German minds should give no room to views of an offensive activity of the fleet, which is based on an insecure foundation and an unproven hypothesis. All this flatly contradicts the Admiralty view, frequently expressed in official and semi-official reports and in the Emperor's Shikharak message, that the Germans had decisively defeated and wrested mastery at sea from the British fleet. All naval critics, except Capt. Persius, regularly promulgated this thesis, an outburst of rage by Count von Reventlow and Capt. von Kuchelwetter and others against him is expected.

Capt. Persius says that every intelligent German realizes that unrestricted submarine war must be conducted with all energy until England realizes it is more profitable to discuss peace than to accept further losses, but on the other hand he warns against super-optimism for a too speedy success in the submarine war in view of the amount of world tonnage and the great shipbuilding possibilities available for the Entente.

Army Balloon Makes Record.

WABEKA, Minn., Aug. 4.—Four officers of the Army Signal Corps ended a balloon flight from Omaha to-day landing on a farm four miles south of this city. The trip of 226 miles was made in six hours, which is said to be a record. The flight was made for most of the way at an average height of 6,500 feet before a breeze. The men who made the trip were Captains Kennedy and Faglow, Lieut. Davidson and Sergeant McCulloch.

Lansing to Resume Post Monday.

WATERTOWN, N. Y., Aug. 4.—Robert Lansing, Secretary of State, will return to his duties in Washington Monday. He leaves here this evening after a month's vacation at Henderson Harbor. Mr. Lansing is much improved in health. He has passed a great portion of the time fishing.

WILLS AND APPRAISALS.

ANNA K. GILMAN, died July 5, 1916. Net estate, \$104,530. The following receive shares of \$12,110 each: Frances Gilman, brother; Lester G. Gilman and Charles H. Gilman, nephews; Caroline G. McClellan, niece, and George G. Percival, grand-nephew. Caroline G. Redington, niece, and John G. McClellan, grand-nephew, receive \$2,825 each. The remainder is distributed among nieces, grandnieces and grand-nephews.

CHARLES LONGMAN, died August 15, 1916. Net estate, \$57,500. The widow, Phoebe Maria Longman, receives life interest in the residuary estate of \$50,750. Net estate, \$18,475. The following public institutions receive \$2,000 each: Presbyterian Board of Relief, District Ministers, South Third Street Presbyterian Church, Eastern District branches of the Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A., Brooklyn Bureau of Charities, Industrial School Association of Brooklyn. The following receive one-ninth of the residuary estate: Stuart C. James D. Kenneth S. John Hagg, all sons; Elizabeth M. and Martin C. Hagg, daughters; and Annie H. Forbes and Katharine H. Smith, stepdaughters. Elizabeth Hagg, 25, and Marion Hagg, 26, grand-daughters receive \$18,585 each.

TETANUS GERMS FOUND.

Discovered on Court Plaster by Public Health Officials.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 4.—Court plaster forwarded to the Public Health Service by the Ohio State Board of Health has been found on analysis by the hygienic laboratory to contain tetanus germs. Surgeon General Blue has bought other samples in the open market for analysis to determine if the contamination exists generally. This is the second batch of court plaster found to contain germs of lockjaw. Some officials suspect German sympathizers. It is pathologically possible, however, that court plaster sold by peddlers might take tetanus germs from street dust.

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Baker May Have to Act.

It was regarded as quite likely to-day that should the trouble continue both in Oklahoma and North Carolina the War Department would have to act. The last of the State militia is to be taken into the Federal service to-morrow. Consequently there will be technically no State troops at the disposal of Governors unless provision has been made for the raising of home guard units.

Nothing official reached the Department of Justice or Gen. Crowder to-day regarding the rioting bands in Oklahoma reported to be burning railroad bridges and terrorizing five counties. It was assumed that the Governor of Oklahoma believed he had the situation well in hand. All Governors are virtually agents of the President in the administration of the draft law.

Gov. Bickett of North Carolina telegraphed the Department of Justice to-day that the men in two townships of that State, according to reports reaching him, had taken an oath to resist the draft law and that serious trouble was feared. There had been a meeting in the mountainous part of the State in the vicinity of Asheville. The inhabitants are for the most part of the type of mountaineers who are in for moonshining and who have given revenue officers serious trouble. They are good shots and are armed.

The alleged activities of Thomas E. Watson of Thomaston, Ga., are under close scrutiny of the Department of Justice. Officials are seeking to determine whether they can bring proceedings against him because of recent statements urging resistance to the draft in his magazine.

Copies of the publication brought to the Attorney General's attention contain lists of contributions varying between \$2 to \$100 from Atlanta, Chattanooga, Danville, Va., and numerous small towns in North Carolina, Tennessee, Alabama, Kentucky and Georgia to a fund to be devoted to testing the constitutionality of the draft law. The subscriptions in a recent number of the publication totaled approximately \$1,000.

OVERSEAS RADIO SUSPENDED.

Britain Forbids Wireless Communication With U. S.

Radio service between the American Atlantic seaboard and Great Britain was discontinued last midnight by the Marconi Wireless Telegraph Company of America. The action was taken in conformity with instructions of the British Government. The transatlantic service, both east bound and west bound, between the United States or Canada and Great Britain will not be resumed until further notice. A statement issued from the office of the company in the Woolworth Building calls attention to the fact that this closing of service is due to no fault of the company, but is purely a necessary war measure.

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